WILLIAMS' SENTENCE COMMUTED TO FIFTY YEARS.

MURDERER DANCES FOR JOY.

TO WHOM IS CREDIT DUE FOR SAV-ING A LIFE!

Several Parties Have Taken a Hand in the Affair-The Governor's Reasons for His Clemency -Williams in High

Feather.

William Williams, whose execution was fixed for next Tuesday, will not be hanged. Governor Stephens yesterday commuted his sentence to nifty years in the penitentiary. Williams killed John Schnebel because he yelled "Hurrah for Bryan." His case went to the supreme court without

At 1:05 o'clock yesterday afternoon a telegram from Jefferson City addressed to William Williams was handed to County Marshal Chiles. He opened it and read:

"Sentence commuted to fifty years in the penitentiary, (Signed) Frank P. Walsh. George C. Hale, Louis Robidoux, W. W. Morgan and J. B. Shannon."

"I'm mighty glad of that," said the mar shal. He gave the telegram to Deputy Marshal Lum Wilson and told him to take It to Williams. Wilson grabbed the big tall key, unlocked the iron door in a hurry and ran up the stairway two steps at a "Here it is. Willie," he said, joyfully, as

"Here it is, Willie," he said, joyfully, as he stopped in front of the death ceil, stuck his hand between the bars and shook the yellow sheet of paper.

Williams was lying face down on his bunk with his elbows hiding the sides of his face and his hands clasped over the back of his head. He sprang up and his eyes rolled as he staggered to the bars and inquired in a voice that was only a whisper:

per;
"What is it, good or bad?"
"Good news. You're commuted," said

"Good news, You're commuted," said the deputy.

"Go-o-d G-a-w-d!" shouted Williams, in a loud, campmeeting tone of voice. He began slapping his hands together and jumping up and down like a wild man.

In the next cell two thieves heard the news, and one of them rushed to the little square feed hole in the door of his cell, put the paims of his hands to his mouth in trumpet shape and yelled:

"Williams is pardoned!"

All the prisoners on that floor heard it and repeated the shout:

"Williams is pardoned!"

Then every one of the 300 prisoners in the jail yelled and kept it up for fully five minutes. They hurrahed and checred and the noise was heard a block away, so that people ran to the jail to see what was the matter.

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In his cell Williams was still shouting and it was some time before Deputy Mar-shai Wilson could get him quieted down long enough to hear the telegram read: "Here's the telegram; keep it," said Wil-Williams snatched it and kissed it a

dozen times.

"Lucky Willie," he said. His face, that was full of trouble a moment before, was overspread with a broad grin, "They can't come to see the man that is to be hung now. Oh, Willie, you're a lucky boy! But you had a narrow scratch!" he said. And then he danced and kissed the telegram again. He thought of his mother and his face sobered. face sobered.

"If I had any money I'd send a message to my mother." he said.

"All right, we'll send it." Mr. Wilson told him, and he wrote down this message, which was dictated by Williams.

"Mother: Come down quick. I've got offer years."

fifty years.
"I wish I could send a message to the governor, too. I'd like to send him \$100. He's got a big heart in him. You bet that governor's a good man," Williams said.

A few minutes later the marshal went into the jail and told Williams to get ready to leave the murderer's cell.

Congratulations All Round. "I'm ready, Mr. Marshal. Jist open that

door and watch me jump out," he an-When he stepped out into the corridor to go back to his cell on the first floor he

remarked, still grinning: "That's better'n walkin' in through that door," pointing to the Iron door that hid the gallows from sight.

As Williams stepped out two other men charged with murder in the first degree were let in. They were the Wright brothers of Lee's Summit, who had just been brought up from the jall at Independence, Williams went all over the jail shaking hands with the prisoners, still grinning and licking his lips, that were parched with hunger. He had eaten scarcely anything for days. Bill Adler said to him: "Hey, there, Willie boy, did you hear me rootin! for you?"

or days. Bill Adler said to him:
"Hey, there, Willie boy, did you hear me rootin' for you?"
"Guess I did." replied Williams.
He sought out Dr. Goddard and was congratulated by him.

A negro woman, his sweetheart, came running into the jall and threw her arms around Williams. She was crying.
"Git out, gal! What you cryin' for before all these white folks?" said Williams, kindly, as he unlocked her. But there were tears in his own eyes. His sweetheart was Miss Franklin, who works for Joseph Large on Independence avenue.

"I heard about it when I was washin' the dishes an' I jist left dishes an' all an' run down here," she exclaimed, and a little later, while she leaned against an fron corner of a cell and watched Williams proudly as he shouk hands with the white prisoners, she said.

"I'd a killed myself, too, if they'd a hung Willie."

As seen as Williams was locked up in

As soon as Williams was locked up in his new quarters he said to the jailer: "Lawd, Mr. Wilson, give me something to eat quick."

to eat quick!"

He was given a big piece of roast beef, a loaf of bread and a tin cup full of coffee. Between bites he said:
"That pentientiary is a good place to go. I tell you. Fifty years! That ain't no time at all. I can stand on my head that long."
Later some one told him he ought to be very thankful to the many people who had worked to save him. worked to save him.

"Course I'm thankful. I'm powerful thankful to all of 'em. But, Lawd, there's so many of 'em I'il just have to thank 'em all in a hump."

At 3:15 o'clock this official telegram from Governor Stephens was received by Mar-

Have commuted sentence of William Williams to fifty years in the penitentiary.

Papers mailed you. Wire receipt."

The invitations to see the hanging of

### IS IT A TRIFLE?

THAT COMMON TROUBLE ACID DYS-PEPSIA, OR SOUR STOMACH.

Now Recognized as a Cause of Serious Disense.

Aold dyspepsia, commonly called heartburn or sour stomach, is a form of indiperson or sour stomach, is a form of indi-gestion resulting from fermentation of the food. The stomach being too weak to promptly digest it, the food remains until fermentation begins, filling the stomach while trying to dispose of a graphophone. He told the officers his brother gave him the instrument, but the brother denied it. Thomas is being held until he can estab-lish a clear title to the graphophone. with gas, and a bitter, sour, burning taste in the mouth is often present. This condition soon becomes chronic and being an

dition soon becomes chronic and being an everyday occurrence, is given but little attention. Because dyspepsia is not immediately fatait, many people do nothing for the trouble.

Within a recent period a remedy has been discovered prepared solely to cure dyspepsia and stomach troubles. It is known as Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets and is now becoming rapidly used and prescribed as a radical cure for every form of dyspepsia.

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Send for free book on Stomach Diseases by addressing Stuart Co., Marshall, Mich.

egram came. The invitation cards fore the following:

"You are invited to witness the execution of William Williams, which will take place in the Jackson county jail building at Kansas City, Mo., on Tuesday, December 14, 187, between the hours of 9 o'clock a. m. and 5 o'clock p. m.

"Marshal of Jackson County."

Williams was given one of the invitation cards for a keepsake.

Governor Stephens' Reasons. The following special shows the reasons advanced by the governor for granting the

ommutation:

Jefferson City, Mo., Dec. 11.-(Special.) Governor Stephens to-day commuted the sentence of William Williams from death to fifty years in the penitentiary. After discussing the crime and the evidence, he closes his letter ordering the commutation as follows: "It has been shown that the thinking people of Kansas City are thoroughly imbued with the idea that this man did not get the fair and careful trial that should be accorded to one accused of so serious an offense, and, in the minds of many of the very best citizens of Kansas City, there is a grave doubt as to Williams' guilt. Letters have been sent in from the leading men in all lines, professional and mercantile, in Kansas City, and strong and mercantile, in Kansas City, and strong personal appeals have been made at the capitol by disinterested citizens for executive clemency in Williams behalf. No person has claimed that, upon the record sent up from Jackson county to the supreme court, the execution was not right. But it has been strongly urged from all sources that matters that would have cleared Williams, or at least have had a strong tendency to reduce the grade of his crime, were not introduced upon the trial, and could not, for that reason, get into the records. For the reasons above set forth I hereby commute the sentence of the said William Williams from death to imprisonment in the state penitentiary for a term of lifty years, with the benefit of the three-fourths law."

#### Who Is to Get the Credit?

Somebody, of course, expects to get great credit, from a large class of people at least, for saving Williams' neck, no matter what the rest of the people think about commuting the sentence of a man about whose guilt no doubt was ever raised until the late move to save his life was well under way. But where is the credit due? That is the momentous question.

On the face of the case, as presented yesterday, it would appear that Joe Shannon, Frank Walsh, Alderman Morgan, Louis Robidoux and Fire Chief Hale formed the invincible quartette before which the adamant in the governor's neart became as clay in the hands of the potter. At least, they signed the dispatch to Murderer Will-

clay in the hands of the potter. At least, they signed the dispatch to Murderer Williams yesterday announcing the commutation, which was the first news of the governor's action received here. They had gone to Jefferson City the night before to make a "last appeal" in Williams' behalf. Their dispatch would, of course, indicate that they had been successful. At any rate, they "were in at the death." They took advantage of the situation.

Should Shannon, Walsh, Morgan, Robidoux and Hale be given the credit for saving Williams' life?

There is a young attorney named Green. He is an energetic young fellow, well read in law, with a good, honest heart, and he is anxious to get along in the world and make a mark in his profession. He took Williams' case to the supreme court and fought hard for him, but unsuccessfully. At least a couple of weeks before the quintette named above awakened to a realization of the danger in which the neck of Mr. W. Williams was placed, Mr. Green still honestly interested in the then friendless negro, renewed his efforts in his behalf. He received no fee, but his heart was in the work. He went over the evidence carefully and presented as strong a case as possible to the governor. He visited the newspaper offices and courteously asked support in his efforts to save the murderer—fit that could not be granted, then with equal courtesy he asked that at least nothing be said against Williams. Should Mr. Green be given the credit for saving Williams' life?

But there is Rev. Dr. J. E. Roberts. He ranks neither as politician nor aspiring lawyer. In the first ripple of the rising wave of sympathy for a "poor, friendless nigger who was goin' to be hanged while plenty of white murderers a thousand times more guilty went free," he took up the cudgel for Murderer Williams. He preached in his behalf to a crowded house. He did more. He talked for him through the preached in his behalf to a crowded house. He did more. He talked for him through the preached in his behalf to a crowded house. He did more. On

the press. With the awful spectacle of a man hanging at the end of a rope before the mind's eye, Dr. Roberts would madly circle the Coates House lobby, scattering cuspidores and consternation, and return to the reporter—at least, so the reporter wrote it—to tell what an awful, inhuman, fiendish, hellish thing capital punishment was, anyhow. And then, after another race, he would come back to picture, with choking gurglings, a man being strangled to death—after too short a drop—to appense the law. So sympathy for Williams took blaze and blazed like a house aftre. Should Rev. Dr. Roberts be given the credit for saving Williams' life?

Let not that other earnest band of self-sacrificing humanitarians be forgotten—County Clerk Tom Crittenden, Circuit Clerk H. M. Stonestreet and Frank Walsh—which also went to Jefferson City a week ago and interceded with the governor in Williams' behalf.

And then there is Henry S. Julian, v-e-r-y, v-e-r-y close to the governor, who, at the governor's own request, reviewed the evidence in the case and submitted a report to the executive that he didn't think Williams should be hanged.

Should Mr. Julian be given the credit for saving Williams' life?

What should have moved the governor? The facts as presented by a young and ambitious attorney, who took up the case after two other attorneys had abandoned the murderer, put his heart into the work and went to the bottom of the case? The efforts of a minister, in the pulpit and out? Or, at the eleventh hour, the pleas of

efforts of a minister, in the pulpit and out? Or, at the eleventh hour, the pleas of politicisms? politicisms?

What really did move the governor? And is that where the credit is really due for saving Williams' life?

### Catches Them Both Ways.

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To The Journal.

Understand the king boodier and jury fixer in the criminal court circles worked to get Williams' sentence commuted. Failing to get money to clear him and the general disgust over criminals purchasing liberty, the colored man was convicted. The general sympathy for Williams crystallized and of course if any money was raised the leader of de gang got some of it, or he made another political play to fool the folks for election purposes. This jury fixing criminal court gang works to "catch de coon a comin" and a goin"." READER.

#### TOUGH MEN ARRESTED. Police Capture a Quintette of Suspected Thieves in the North End.

John Smith and Frank Benson, vagrants, who were given hours to leave the city Monday by the police, were arrested in a room at 111 East Third street by Officer McHale yesterday morning in company with James Lynch, George Morris and John Keenan. The officer found the room filled with a quantity of clothing, jewelry and cuttery. The five men all wore good clothing and jewelry. Keenan told the police that he, Lynch and Morris were peddling the goods for Benson and Smith. The later claim to have purchased the stuff. The police believe it was stolen and are holding the men while they investigate the matter.

Who Has Lost a Graphophone? Thomas Lemons, a negro, was arrested systerday by Officers Dailey and Nichols

Stockman Loses His Purse.

W. A. Stickley, a stockman stopping at the Fifth Avenue hotel, reported to the police last night the loss of a pocketbook containing 55 and two notes of 52 cach made payable to him by George Smith and William Johnson. Stickley believes a negro woman whom he met at Sixth and Central streets Friday night robbed him.



## HE SCORED THE NEWSPAPERS

TUDGE HENRY CRITICISES THE PRESS FROM THE BENCH.

Grants a New Trial in a Case Where a Reporter Had Written an Article to Prejudice the Minds of the Jurors.

In granting a new trial in the case of Carl Wentrock against Philip Dietzgen, Judge Henry yesterday spoke his mind pretty freely against what he termed "the growing tendency of newspapers to try cases before they were submitted to juries." Dietzgen was the editor of a German daily newspaper called the Presse, while Wentrock is a writer on political, economic and other subjects of a like nature. Wentrock had sued Dietzgen for \$300 alleged to be due for services performed during the late political campaign. One of the newspapers tried to make political capital out papers tried to make political capital out of the case, and its reporter wrote a heavily humorous article about "slush funds," using the names of statesmen and political leaders of national prominence to give its story a sonorous sound. The account glowed with partisan prejudice, and when the jury returned a verdict for \$200 in favor of the plaintiff, the lawyers for the defendant at once made application for a new trial, setting forth the fact that members of the jury had been seen to read the article in question, and that copies of the paper were taken to the jury room. Judge Henry granted the new trial, and, in doing so, he rebuked "the young men who write per were taken to the jury room. Judge Henry granted the new trial, and, in doing so, he rebuked "the young men who write for the press and who attempt to criticise the courts, the actions of juries and the verdicts returned without understanding the legal aspects in the cases so criticised." "The newspapers have got in the habit," said the judge, "of trying cases before they reach the juries. No court or jury is free from the criticism of these young men of the press—even the supreme court does not escape their lead pencils."

Judge Henry declared that it ought to be stopped. He said he did not know how it could be done, but he would use every means in his power to counteract the influence of such criticism. The judge spoke of the case of Wentrock against Dietzgen, saying that it had been tried at great expense, but that the minds of the jurors had been so prejudiced by an unfair article that it became necessary to retry the case in order that equal and exact justice might be done to both the plaintiff and the defendant.

#### SECRET SOCIETY MUST PAY. An Initiate Hurt by a Degree Staff Gets a Verdict Against the Maccabees.

A jury in Judge Gates' division of the circuit court yesterday came to the con-clusion that it was worth \$10,000 to a man who had a kidney torn from its original moorings while being initiated into a secret society. It was in the case of Lenna Winslow against the Knights of the Maccabees. Winslow is a butcher in Kansas City, Kas., and one night four years ago he started on the secret journey that leads to lodge perfection. Like all initiates he was blindfolded and the degree staff put him through a pretty rigid course of sprouts along the journey.

At one stage in the proceedings Winslow was supposed to cross a rickety bridge, which, in reality, was nothing more than a narrow plank resting on soap boxes about three feet from the floor, but as he was blindfolded he did not understand the deception. He slipped and fell, striking against the plank and tearing one of his kidneys loose. During the progress of the trial physicians testified that it was a "floating kidney" and that Winslow was injured mentally and physically for life. He sued for \$25,000 damages; the jury gave lim \$10,000. moorings while being initiated into a se

Judge Gates complimented the jury upon the verdict, saying the jurymen had done

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their duty to the thorough satisfaction of the court and the public. The case will be appealed.

Brownites by Getting Articles

of Incorporation.

BUT ONE AURORA CLUB. The Shannonites Steal a March on the

Articles of incorporation of that organ

zed political appetite known as the Aurora Club were filed in the circuit clerk's office yesterday and then spirited away before the eager public could get a look at them. It was whispered in the corridors of the county building that the Shannon gang of office-refusing patriots had stolen a march on the Brown wing of outsiders by having the appetite incorported to prevent their ancient enemy from coming in and claiming to be the only original and genuine Aurora Club this side of the darkly flowing Styx. The incorporation of the club yes terday is the best refutation of the unwarranted rumor that the Shannons were go-ing to have the name changed to the An-cient and Eternal Order of the Patriotic Sons of Officeholders of Jackson County. Sons of Officeholders of Jackson County.
At that remote period when there was a
united Democracy in this county the Aurora Club sprang Minerva-like full-armored and aching for war from the Jovelike brain of the controlled Democracy.
When dissension rent and strift tore the Democracy into shreds and factions the Brownites were scourged from the Aurora Brownites were scourged from the Aurora temple. It was feared they might seek to filch the good name of Aurora, hence the articles of incorporation. F. J. HARTLEY FAILS.

#### ment to be run on the stock during the A WOMAN GETS BIG DAMAGES. In the First Trial Mrs. Downend Got

Co., and the Streicher descen-The last named firm is made

Makes an Assignment of His Jewelry

Business for the Benefit of His Creditors.

F. J. Hartley, who conducted an install-

ment jewelry house for a number of years in room 28, Diamond building, made an

assignment yesterday afternoon for the

benefit of his creditors. His Habilities will aggregate several thousand dollars. A chattel deed of trust was filed in the re-

corder's office in which J. Sach Rowitz is

made trustee for Hirsh & Hyman, of New

York, who are among the heaviest cred-

Hirsh & Hyman, A. Peabody, S. Linden-born, B. L. Strasburger, W. H. Bell & Co., and the Streicher Jewelry Company.

The last named firm is made a preferred creditor to the extent of \$500, but Mr. Streicher says this sum is incorrect, that it should be \$1.200. He caused an attach-

Among the preferred creditors are

\$2,000, but Yesterday It Was Raised to \$10,000. A jury in Judge Scarritt's division of the Downend a verdlet against the city for, \$10,000 damages for injuries caused by fall-\$10,000 damages for injuries caused by falling upon a defective sidewalk on the north side of Twenty-third street, between Vine street and Woodland avenue, on April 23, 1883. One of the ligaments in her right leg was broken by the fall and she is a cripht leg for life. She began suit against the city soon after the accident and was given a verdict for \$2,000. The case was taken to the court of anpeals and the judgment set aside on a technicality. Notice of appeal was given yesterday. The attorneys for the city hope to have the verdice set aside on the ground that it is excessive.

| She been done by contract. Had this imhas been done in the old way at old rates the cost would have approximated some \$5,000. but the appropriation for it was only \$2,500. Union labor was employed, and union wages were paid, while eight as the lowing of a hole in a Fort Scott & Memphis sleeper, for which \$6 was paid.

| GAS INSPECTION ORDINANCE. | City Counselor Middlebrook Drafts a

#### TAXPAYERS TO BRING SUIT. they Will Question the Validity of

the Election Which Increased Kansas City's Area.

A number of the taxpayers resident in the newly annexed territory have engaged Attorney Frank H. Dexter to bring proceedings to test the validity of the recent ceedings to test the validity of the recent election. Mr. Dexter declines to discuss the matter pending the filing of the suit or to outline the course of procedure he in-tends taking. The legal department of the city does not believe the validity of the recent election can be successfully disputed in the courts.

\$5,000 for Their Father's Life. Charles and Emma Fisher, children of John Fisher, who was killed by falling John Fisher, who was killed by falling lumber during the course of construction of a building on Delaware street in 1896, were yesterday awarded \$5.000 damages against Job Hollinger and Z. T. Mitchell, contractors, by a jury in Judge Scarrit's division of the circuit court. Fisher was working at the bottom of an elevator shaft when the lumber fell from a floor above, crushing out his life. Negligence on the part of the confractors was alleged.

Dynamite Cases To-morrow. The case of the poolroom and dynamite shop keepers who were indicted several menths ago are set for trial in the criminal court to-morrow. The men to be tried are C. L. Maitby, Thomas Carey, L. M. Biller, C. A. Oldham, Ed McCarren and James

James Considine and Harry Deaton, dia-mond thieves, will be tried Tuesday. One Divorce Granted. Carrie A. Edgar was yesterday granted a divorce from Garrett B. Edgar by default in Judge Slover's division of the circuit court on the grounds of desertion. Florence G. Lutrell sued Charles H. Lutrell, Clara E. Smith sued James H. Smith, and Emma H. Watkins sued James F. Watkins for divorce, all three suits being based on statutory grounds.

based on statutory grounds. Jury Trimmed His Request.

O. G. Young, who brought suit against the Evans-Snider-Buell Cattle Company for \$11,000 damages in a transaction involving mortgaged cattle, was yesterday given a verdict for \$702.12 by a jury in California Limited—Santa Fe Route.

Judge Henry's division of the circuit court The case will be appealed. Court Briefs.

William Alexander pleaded guilty yester-day in the criminal court to burglary and was senenced to five years in the peniten-tiary. H. Zorn, for stealing, was given two

years.

Steve Burns was arraigned before Justice Spitz yesterday on a warrant sworn out by A. B. Toles, charging Burns with stealing his new coat and trousers, before he had a chance to wear them himself. Both parties are colored boys, employed at the Midland. Burns pleaded not guilty.

#### SMOKE CONSUMER TESTS.

hey Have Been So Successful Effort Will Be Made to Abate the Smoke Nuisance.

The committee in charge of the tests con ucted with a view to solving the smoke consumer question has found results s satisfactory that a determination has been reached to enforce the provisions of the or dinance approved April 16 last. It is an-nounced that at least three appliances have nounced that at least three appliances have been successfully tested for the destruction of smoke. Superintendent Love, of the public buildings department, is now ready to mail the necessary notice to all operators of machinery early in the week. The pentity for a violation of this ordinance is a fine of not less than \$1 nor more than \$50, and each day of its continuance after the expiration of a given time from the serving of the notice constitutes a separate offense. Ample time will be given for compliance with the law prior to prosecutions. The city will not recommend any particular device, but it will exact that the smoke be suppressed.

### LIKE BANQUO'S GHOST.

ilot Machine Question Puzzles City Officials, and a Conference Will Be Held.

city authorities are soon to be called upon to define the city's attitude toward "slot" machines, as nearly all lienses will expire on and about January . License Inspector Earhart is already 4. License Inspector Earhart is already besieged with inquiries from parties wishing renewals. A general desire exists upon the part of the officials for the outlining of some definite plan of action in dealing with this question. Within a few days Mr. Earhart. City Counselor Middlebrook, Chief of Police Hayes and Police Judge Gifford will meet and exchange ideas upon this matter with the hope of agreeing upon some positive line of policy.

## **GRADES ITS OWN STREETS.**

Superintendent Davis Demonstrates the Wisdom of Kansas City Caring for Its Own Thoroughfare.

Walter M. Davis, superintendent of streets, is highly pleased over the city's first attempt at street work. His depart-A jury in Judge Scarritt's division of the circuit court yesterday gave Mrs. Ella pownend a verdict against the city for standard the Allen avenue work, 210,000 damages for injuries caused by falling upon a defective sidewalk on the north

Measure Giving the Inspector Increased Power. City Counselor Middlebrook is at work

in the gas inspection ordinance proposed oy inspector McClure and he hopes to have it ready for introduction at the council meeting Monday night. The ordinance is intended to give the inspector the right to make visits to private families and test meters in use there. Mayor Jones has taken this measure in hand and he strongly urges its immediate passage. by Inspector McClure and he hopes to have

License Inspector Earhart has recommended an amendment to the auction ordinances to prohibit mock auctions. He wants the ordinances amended so as to grant authority for the prompt forfeiture of all licenses of parties caught conducting a crooked business. His idea is to grant the license only to such as are known to be doing a bona fide auction business. To Abolish Fake Auctions.

Collections in Westport District. City Treasurer Green's office reports the collection of upward of \$1,300 Westport taxes during the past week.

#### ST. LOUIS POOLROOM WAR. First Prosecution Ends in a Mistrial,

but the Police Will Persevere.

St. Louis, Dec. 11.-After an entire day

spent in a wearisome trial of ten poolroom cases, Judge Thomas Peabody at 12 o'clock last night discharged the jury, which could not agree on a verdict. Thus the first prosecution of the men arrested at the recent raids resulted in a mistrial. The result is regarded by the poolroom men as a virtual victory, but the police will continue the prosecution of the remaining Lucases just as vigorously as if a conviction had been made.

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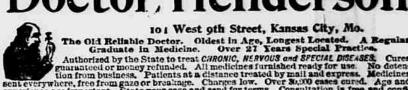
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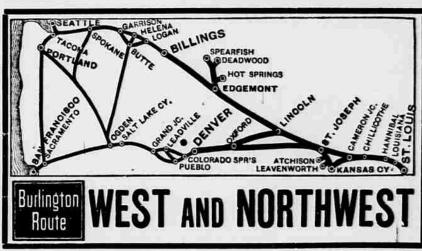
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